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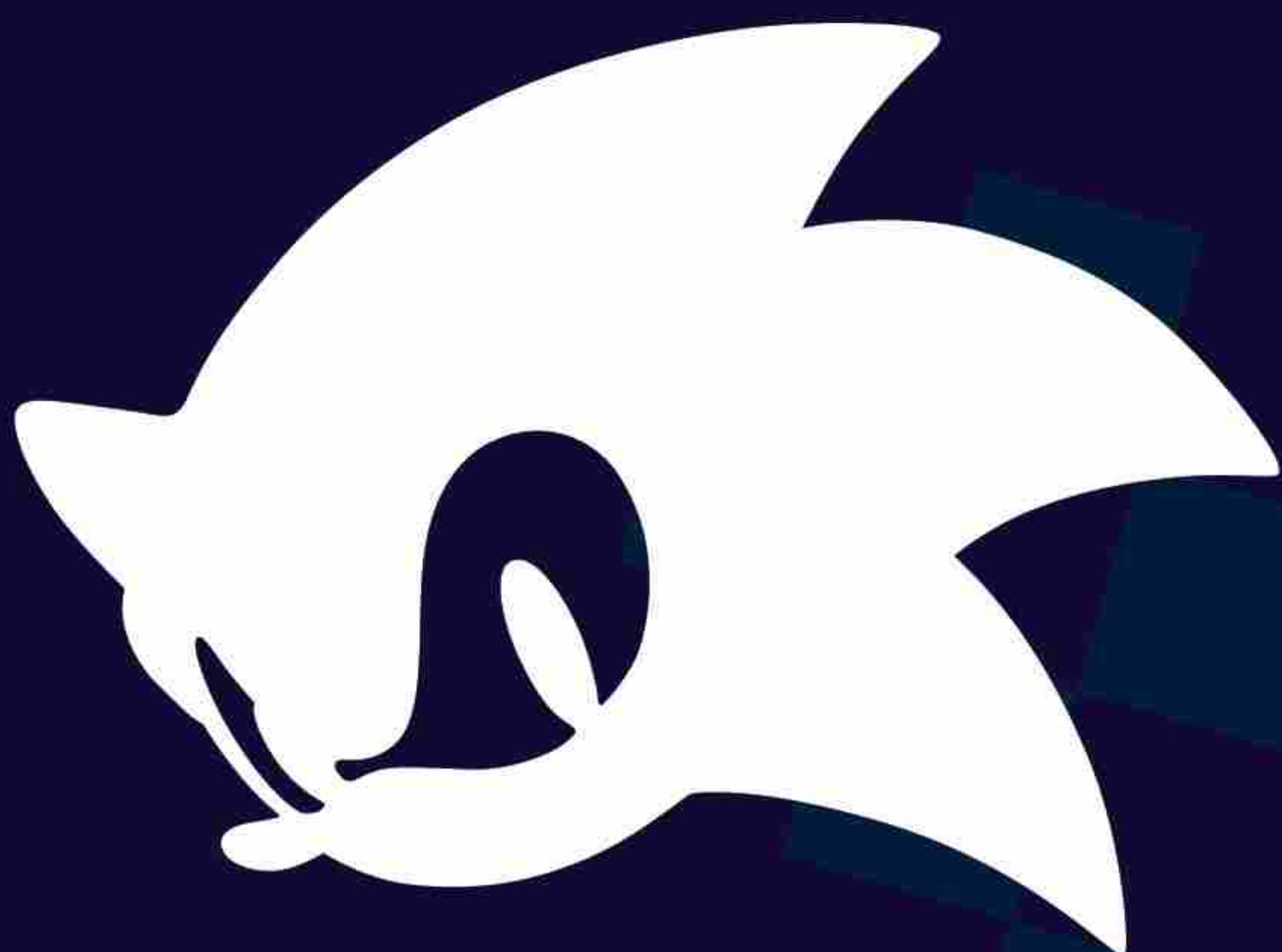
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STORY SO FAR

PHEW! THAT'S THE LAST OF IT... GUESS I CAN SKIP MY BOXERCISE WORKOUT TODAY. SO, D'YA THINK YOU CAN FIX HIM?

THANKS, AMY. AND I'M NOT SURE... EGGMAN WROTE THIS IN CODE.

WITHOUT THE CIPHER, IT'S GIBBERISH!

BESIDES, EVEN IF I COULD READ IT, OMEGA'S WAY BEYOND A SIMPLE TUNE-UP*. THIS IS GONNA BE A FULL REBUILD...

LUCKILY, I DO! IT'S THE REIGNING CHAMPION OF THE WHITE PARK CHAO RACING CIRCUIT: "CLUTCH."

HIS REAL CLAIM TO FAME IS AN UNPARALLELED COLLECTION OF TECHNOLOGY AND RICHES. AND HE'S BEEN KNOWN TO MAKE THE ODD TRADE UNDER THE TABLE.

WHITE PARK ZONE

STAR RAINIER CRASHES RECORDS

HOW'D YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS PLACE?

SPOTTED IT ON ONE'A MY RUNS.

I KEEP TABS ON STUFF LIKE THIS WHEN I SEE IT.

I WONDER WHY EGGMAN ABANDONED THIS ONE...

I'M A CHAO TRAINER AND A GOOD ONE. I ONLY WANT THE BEST. AND THAT CHAO YOU WERE RACING TODAY... I COULD MAKE THEM LEGENDARY.

SO HERE'S THE PITCH: IF THAT DIAMOND-IN-THE-ROUGH OF YOURS CAN COME OUT ON TOP IN TOMORROW'S RACES, I'LL GIVE YOU ANYTHING YOU WANT FROM MY COLLECTION... IN TRADE FOR THE CHAO.

DISCREPANCY DETECTED: THE CHAO "CHEESE" IS NOT YOUR PROPERTY. HOW DO YOU INTEND TO OBTAIN HIM? WITH VIOLENCE?

PLEASE. I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE HIM CHEESE.

OF COURSE, CLUTCH DOESN'T NEED TO KNOW THAT.



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest Thing Alive.



AMY ROSE

Adventure-ready heroine.
The chaperone.



MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Boy genius.
The brains.



ROUGE THE BAT

Treasure-loving spy.
The swindler.



E-123 OMEGA

Damaged robot.
Stuck in a bag.



CREAM THE RABBIT

Compassionate heroine.
The cutest thing alive.



CHEESE

Excitable chao.
The tiny sidekick.



GEMERL

Reformed Robot.
The muscle.

MORNING AT
THE WHITE
PARK CHATEAU.

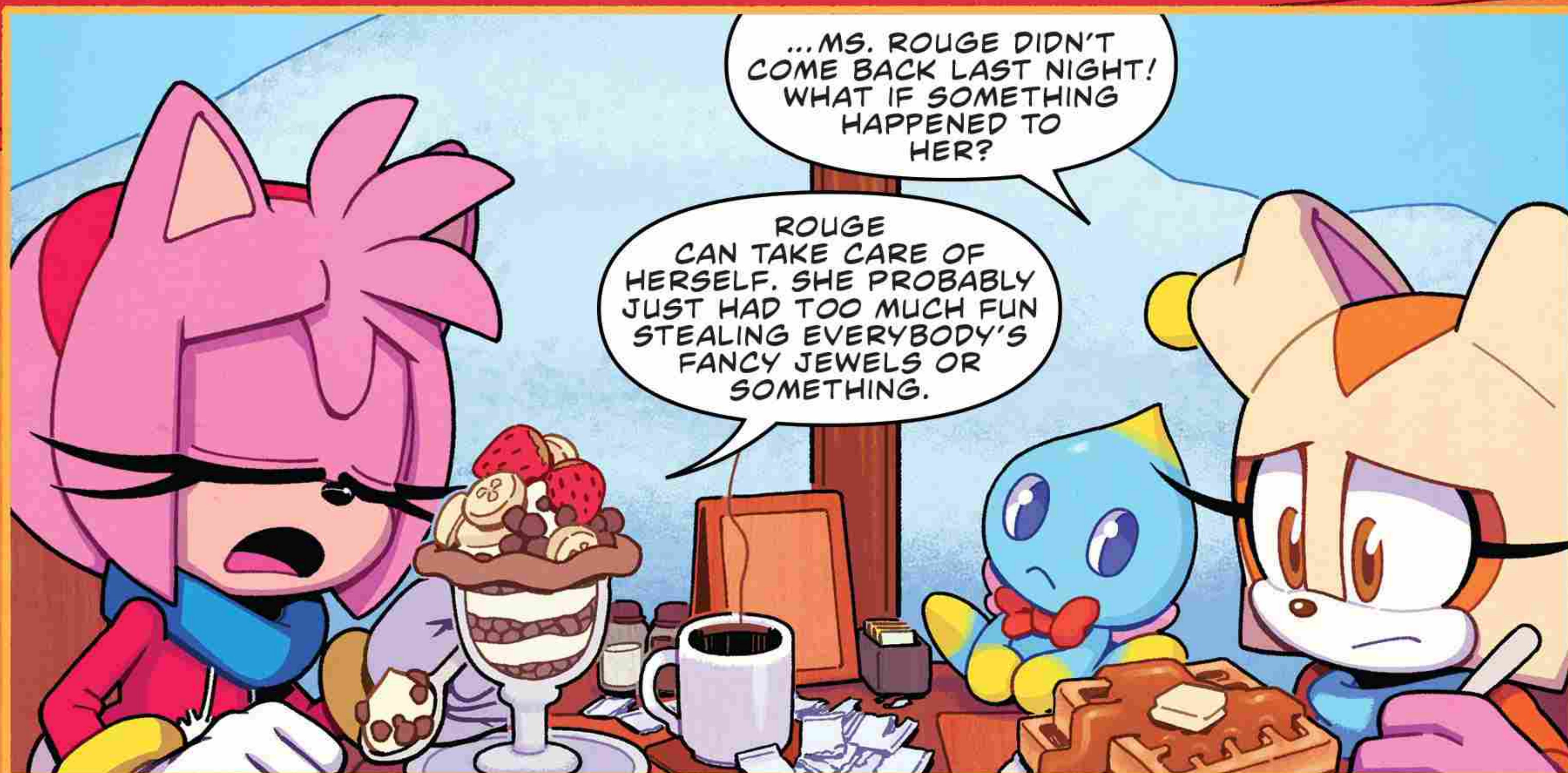
SOMETHING
ON YOUR MIND,
CREAM? YOU'VE
HARDLY TOUCHED
YOUR WAFFLE.

I'M
WORRIED...



...MS. ROUGE DIDN'T
COME BACK LAST NIGHT!
WHAT IF SOMETHING
HAPPENED TO
HER?

ROUGE
CAN TAKE CARE OF
HERSELF. SHE PROBABLY
JUST HAD TOO MUCH FUN
STEALING EVERYBODY'S
FANCY JEWELS OR
SOMETHING.

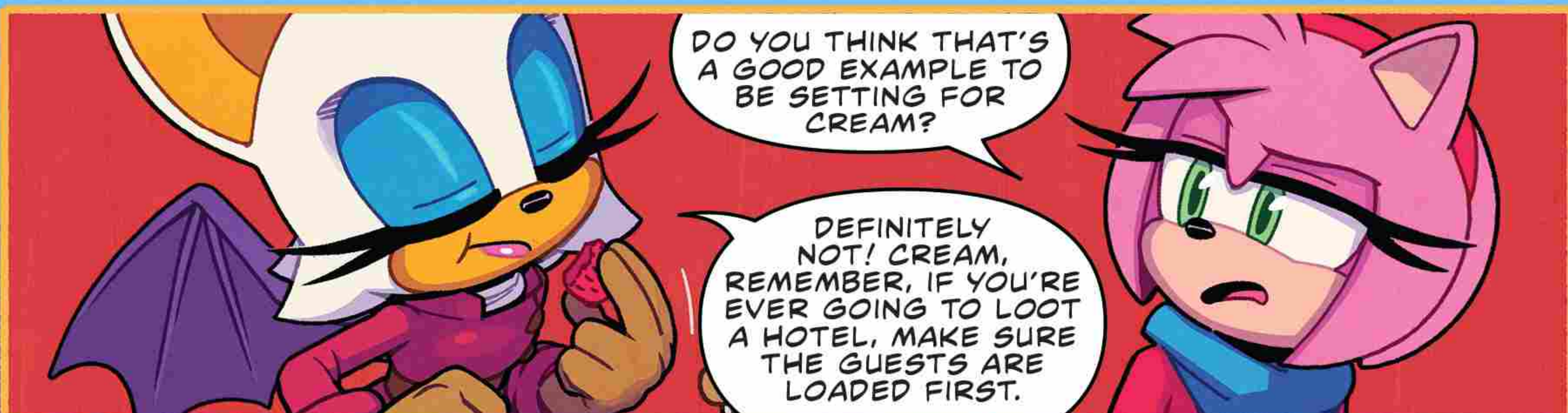




THE ONLY TREASURE IN THIS CHATEAU IS YOUR FRIENDLY FACES!

I CHECKED. MOST OF THE GUESTS IN THIS PLACE ARE WEARING GOLD PLATING AND RHINESTONES.

GOOD MORNING, MS. ROUGE!



DO YOU THINK THAT'S A GOOD EXAMPLE TO BE SETTING FOR CREAM?

DEFINITELY NOT! CREAM, REMEMBER, IF YOU'RE EVER GOING TO LOOT A HOTEL, MAKE SURE THE GUESTS ARE LOADED FIRST.



ATTENTION, RACE ATTENDEES! TODAY'S PROCEEDINGS WILL BE STARTING MOMENTARILY. TRAINERS, PLEASE BRING YOUR CHAO TO THE TRACK!

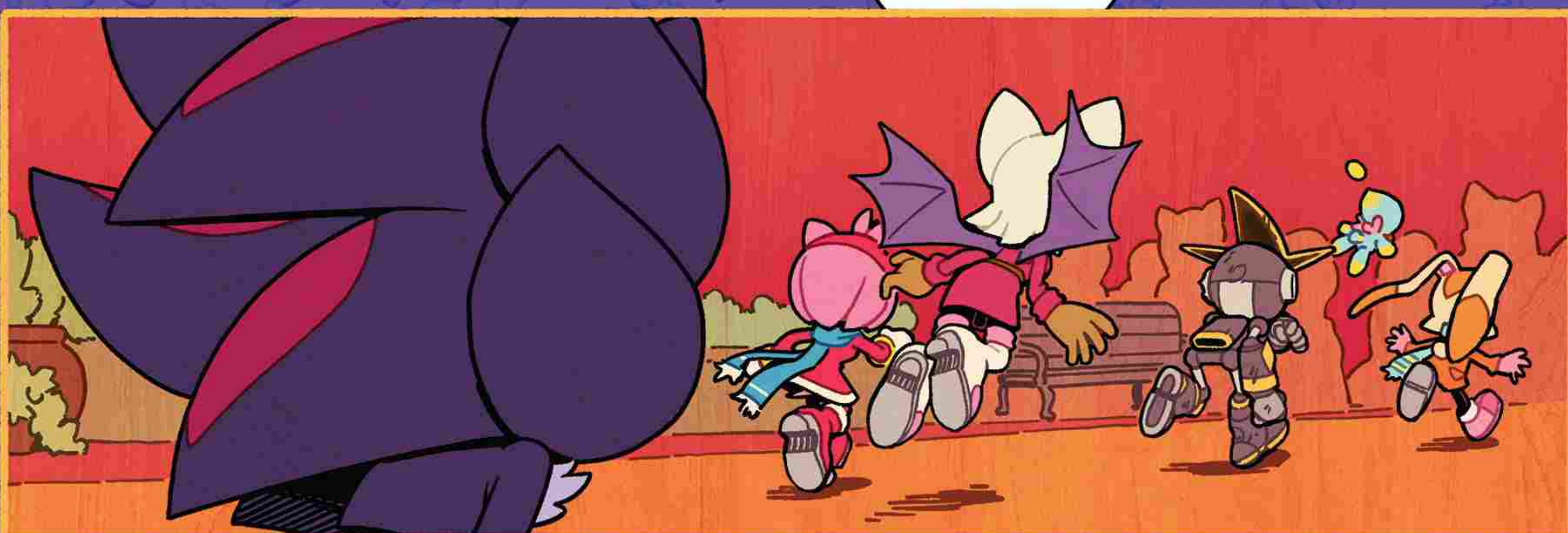
THAT'S OUR CUE!



C'MON, CHEESE! WE DON'T WANT TO BE LATE!

CHAO CHAO!

HOLD ON! I'M CHEESE'S "TRAINER," REMEMBER?



THE ONLY TREASURE IN THIS CHATEAU IS YOUR FRIENDLY FACES!



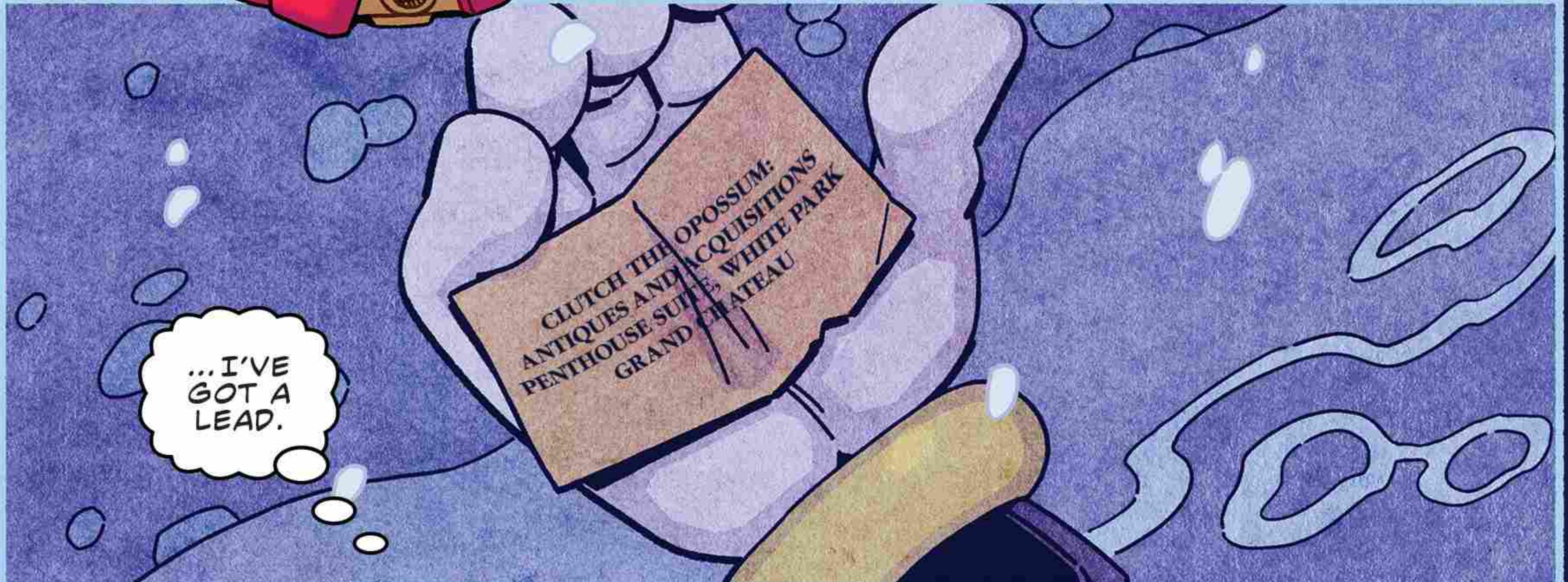
USELESS PAGEANTRY. IF I'M GOING TO FIND THE ONE WHO BEAT ME, IT WON'T BE IN THAT RABBLE.



EARLIER.

THAT STRANGER COULD BE THE ROOT OF THE EGG-TECH RUMORS I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING. I CAN'T LET THEM SLIP THROUGH MY FINGERS AGAIN.

LUCKY FOR ME...



...I'VE GOT A LEAD.

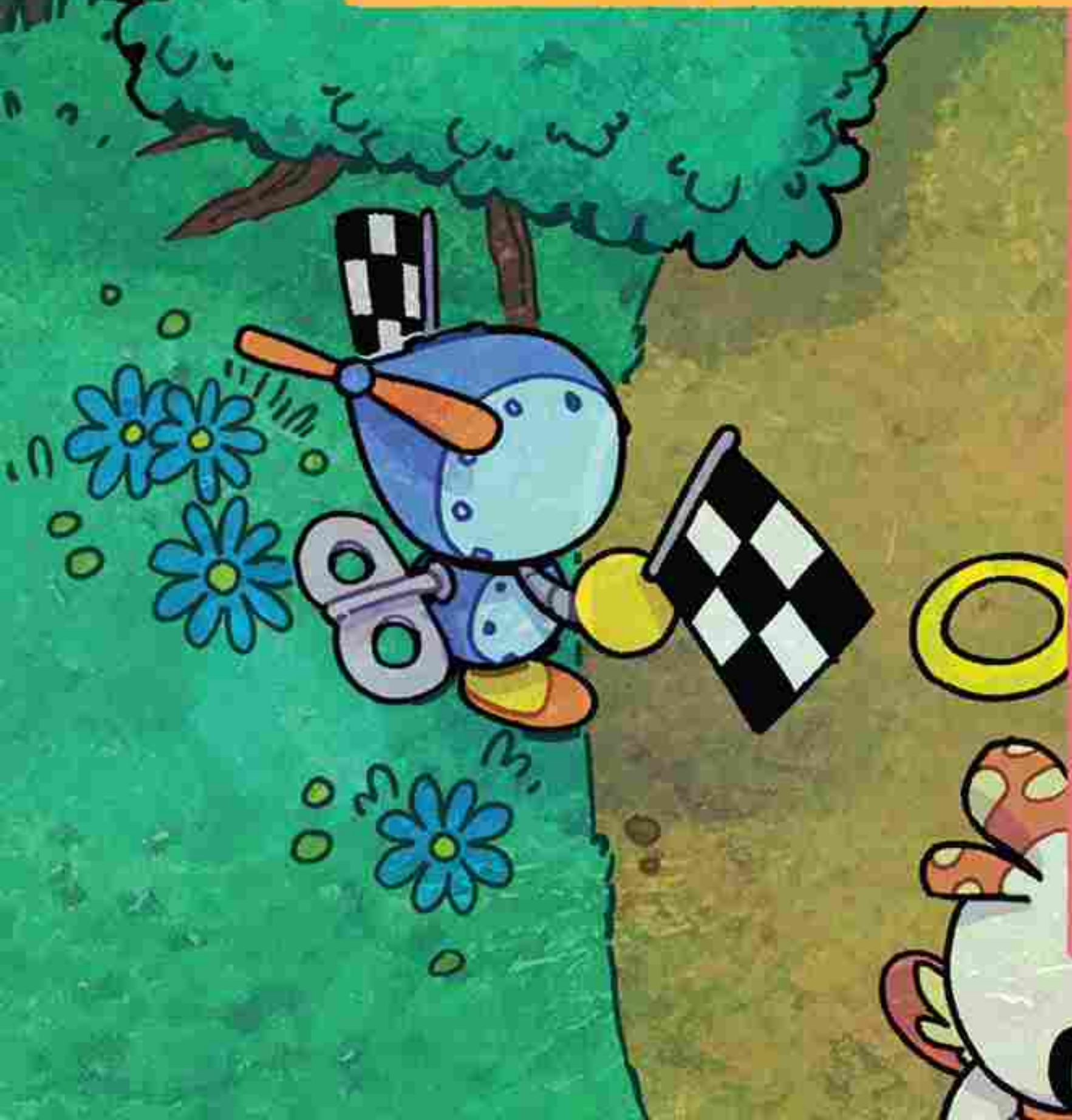
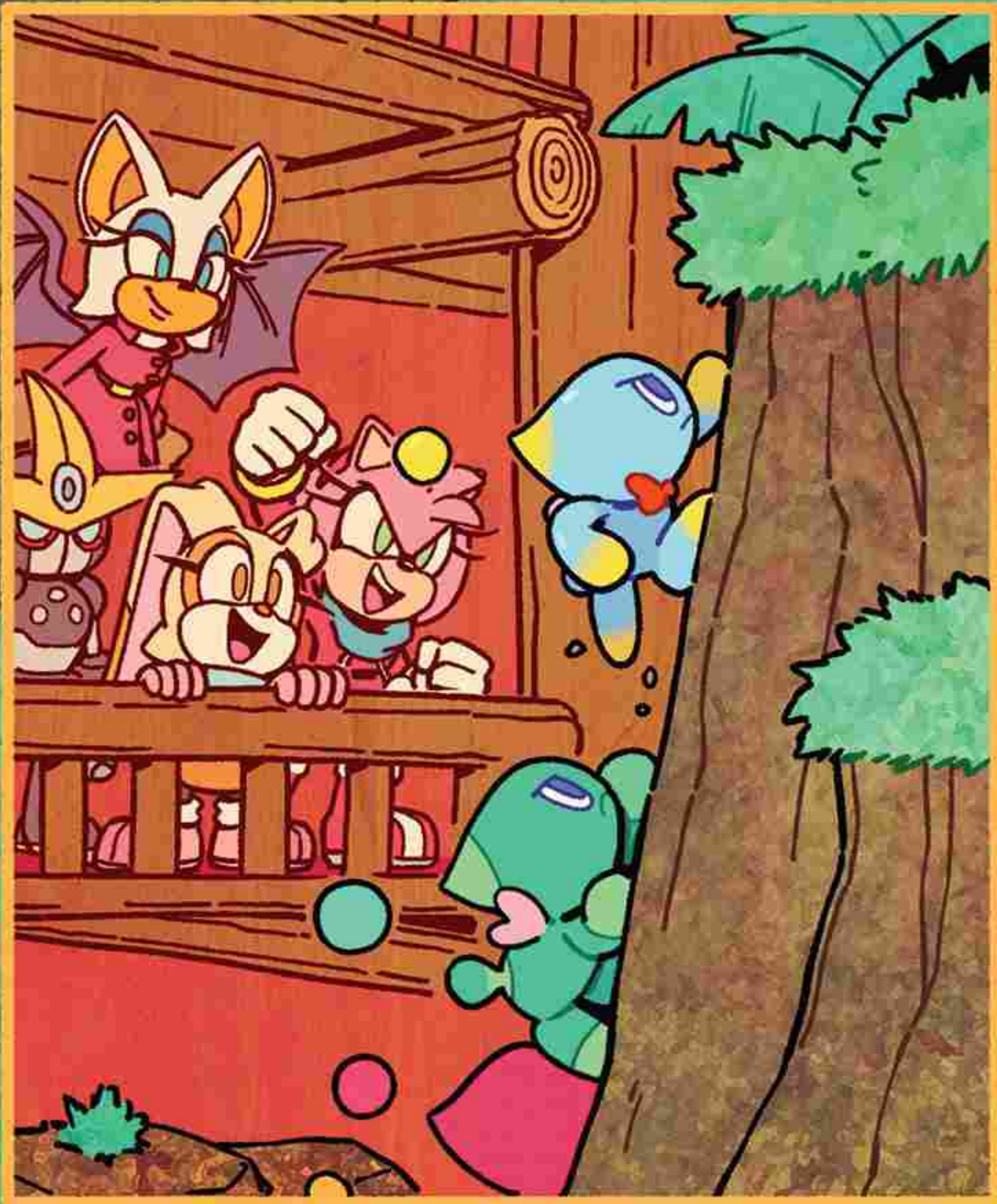


I HOPE THEY MAKE USE OF THE TIME THEY HAVE LEFT...



...BECAUSE I WON'T LEAVE THEM MUCH.

NOW.





SO, THE RUMORS WERE TRUE. THIS COLLECTOR BETTER HAVE ANSWERS ABOUT EGGMAN'S WHEREABOUTS, FOR THEIR SAKE.



SUSPICIOUS.



WHAT...?



UTTER SCUM...



SHADOW? YOU ARE NOT A PART OF ROUGE'S PLAN. HAS THE CODEWORD CHANGED?



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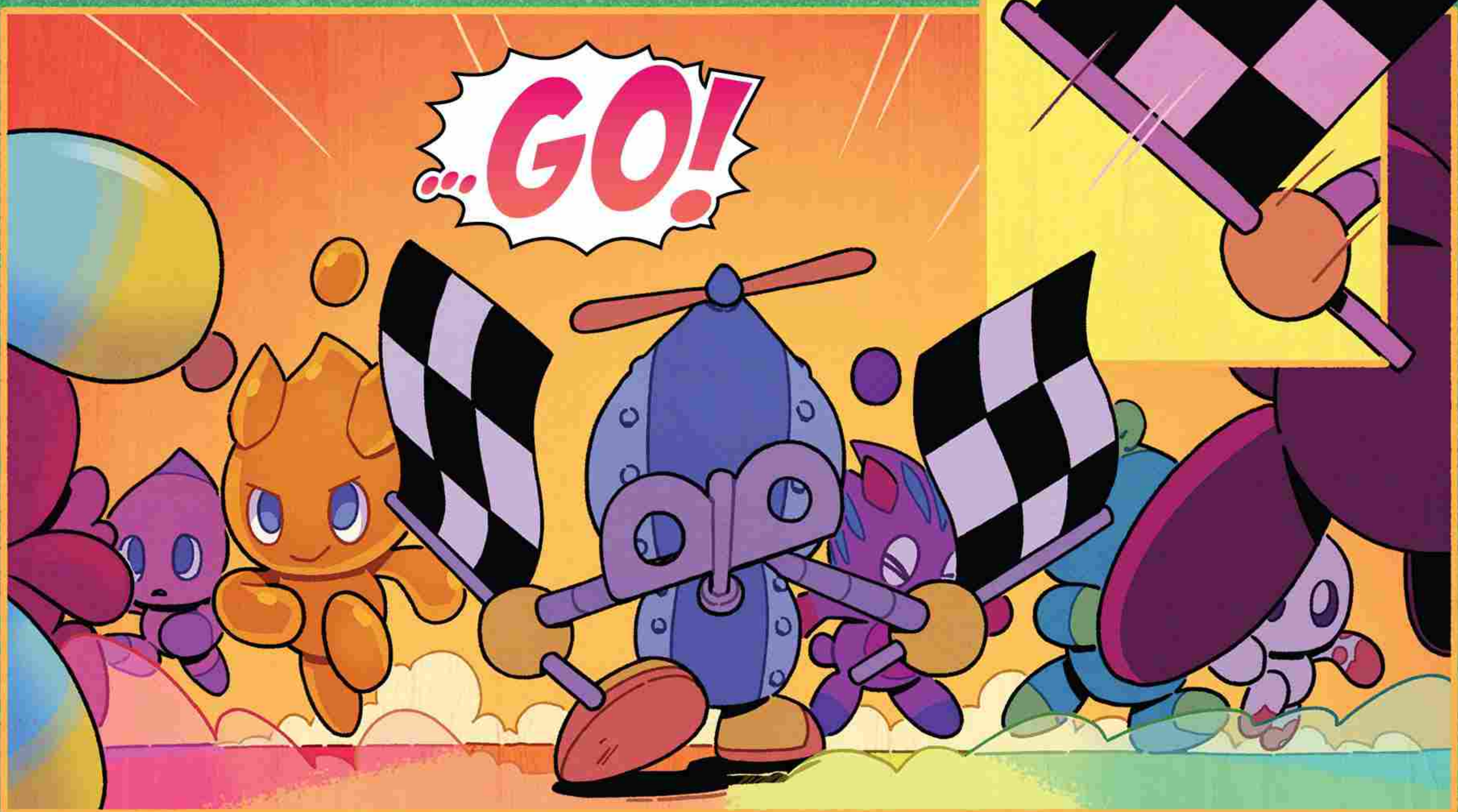
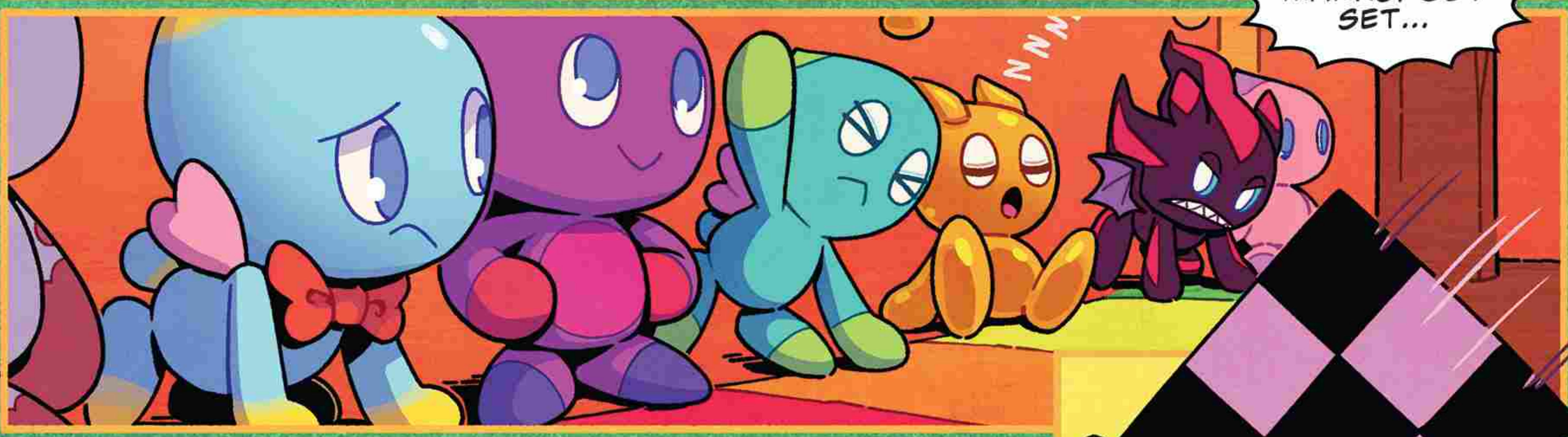


THIS IS IT,
RACE FANS!
THE FINAL
MATCH OF
THE DAY!

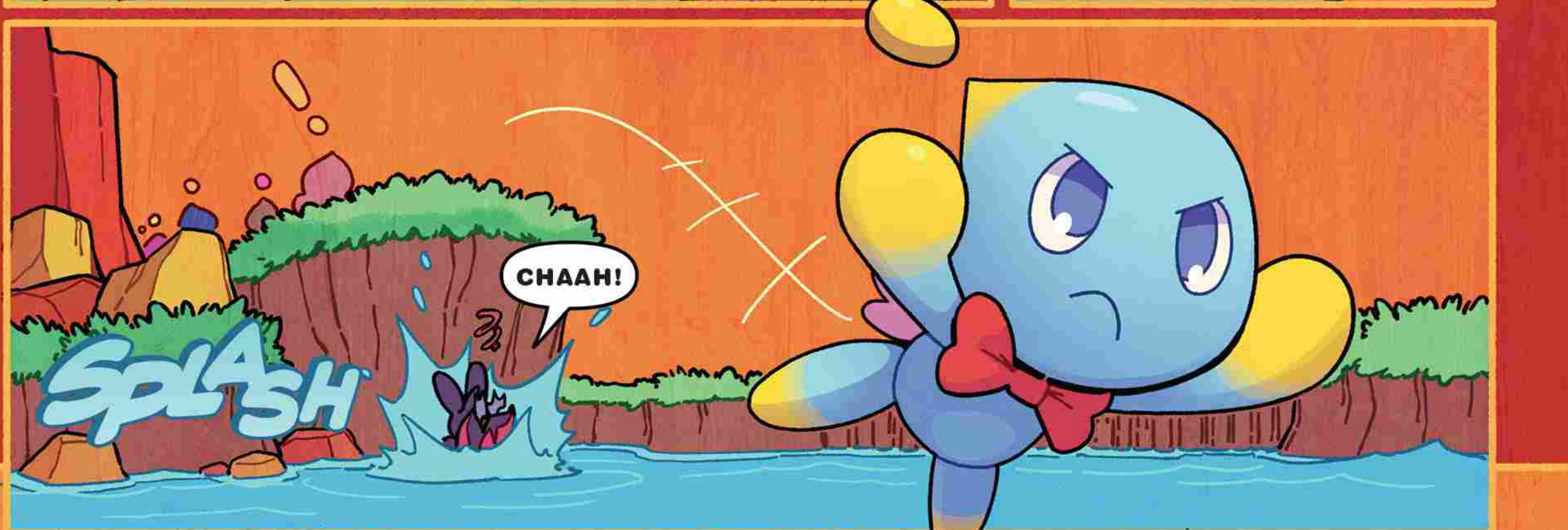
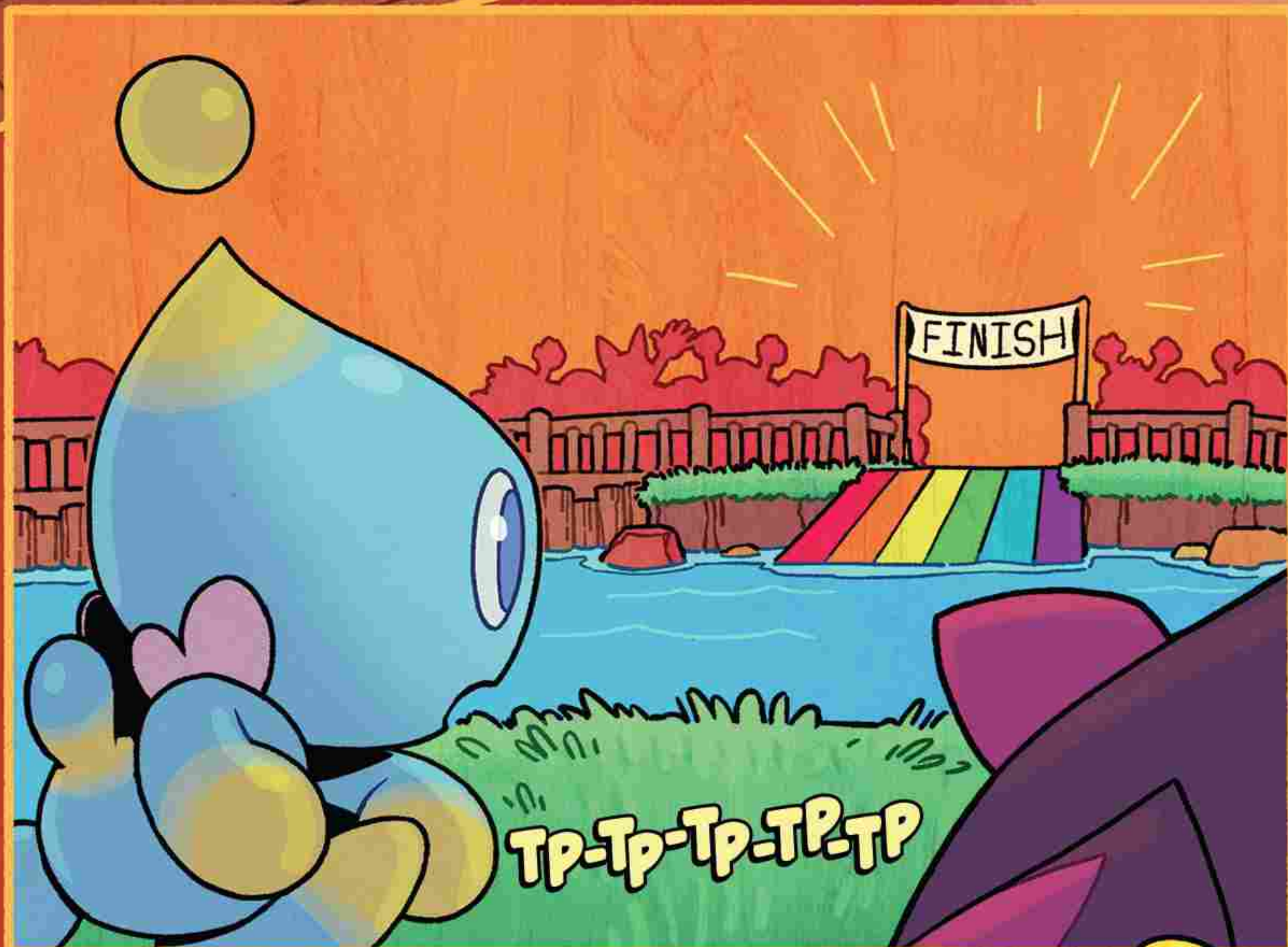


THE WINNERS
OF THIS RACE WILL
BE ENTERED INTO
THE SEMIFINALS, SO
I'M SURE EVERYONE
WILL TRY THEIR
HARDEST!

ON YOUR
MARKS, GET
SET...



...GO!







UGH, FINE. I NEED CHEESE WITH ME SO I CAN GET CLUTCH ALONE. HE THINKS IT'LL BE A TRADE, A CHAO FOR THE PARTS WE NEED, BUT...

...I'VE GOT A PLAN TO TURN THE TABLES ON HIM. THIS GAMBIT'S A BIT MUCH FOR YOU DO-GOODERS THOUGH, SO WHY DON'T YOU LET ME--

--DO-GOODER, SHMOOGOODER. WE CAN HANDLE IT!

BESIDES, YOU'LL NEED SOMEONE TO WATCH YOUR BACK.



MY, HOW DARING... I'M IMPRESSED!

A TEAM'S A TEAM. MIGHT EVEN BE FUN!



SOON...

ROUGE! YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME YOU'D BE BRINGING GUESTS, I WOULD HAVE TIDIED UP.

I TRY TO BE HOSPITABLE TO ALL MY VISITORS, EVEN WHEN THEY'RE A BAND OF *SNIVELING GIRL SCOUTS* DRAGGING AROUND A RUST-BUCKET WHICH, FRANKLY, I'D BE ASHAMED TO SEE IN MY COLLECTION.



SIMMER DOWN! WE NEED TACT, NOT MUSCLE.



YOUR ROBOT'S ENTHUSIASM IS ADMIRABLE...

...BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WHILE I LIKE TO DO BUSINESS IN A *RELAXED* SETTING, I AM BY NO MEANS DEFENSELESS. INTERESTED IN A DEMONSTRATION?

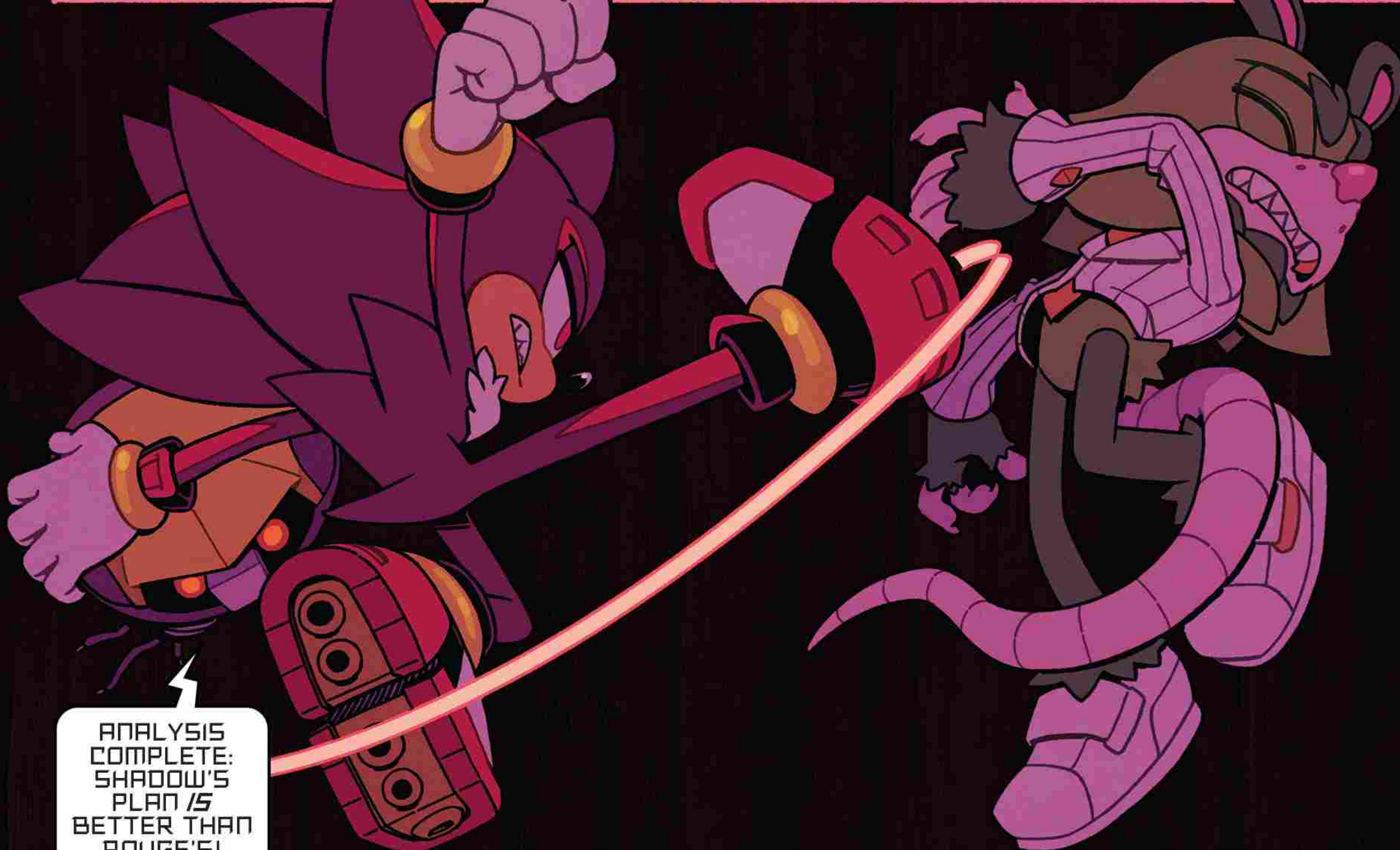
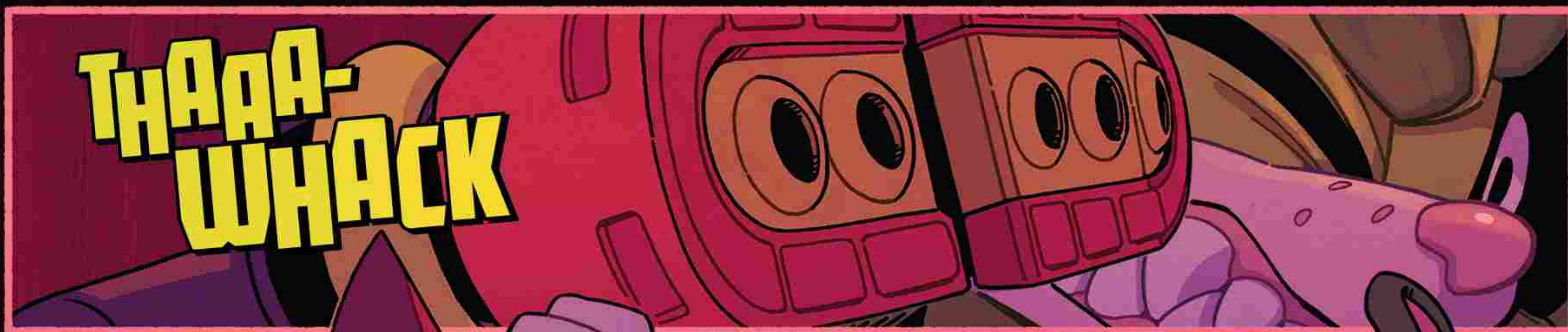


WE'RE HERE FOR THE TRADE, PLAIN AND SIMPLE.

JUST THE WAY I LIKE IT. SHOW ME THE CHAO.



DON'T WORRY. I'VE GOT THIS UNDER CONTROL.





TAKE THAT, YOU CREEP! ENJOY YOUR NAP!

NOT THE HELP I EXPECTED, BUT I'M NOT COMPLAINING! THANKS, SHADOW.

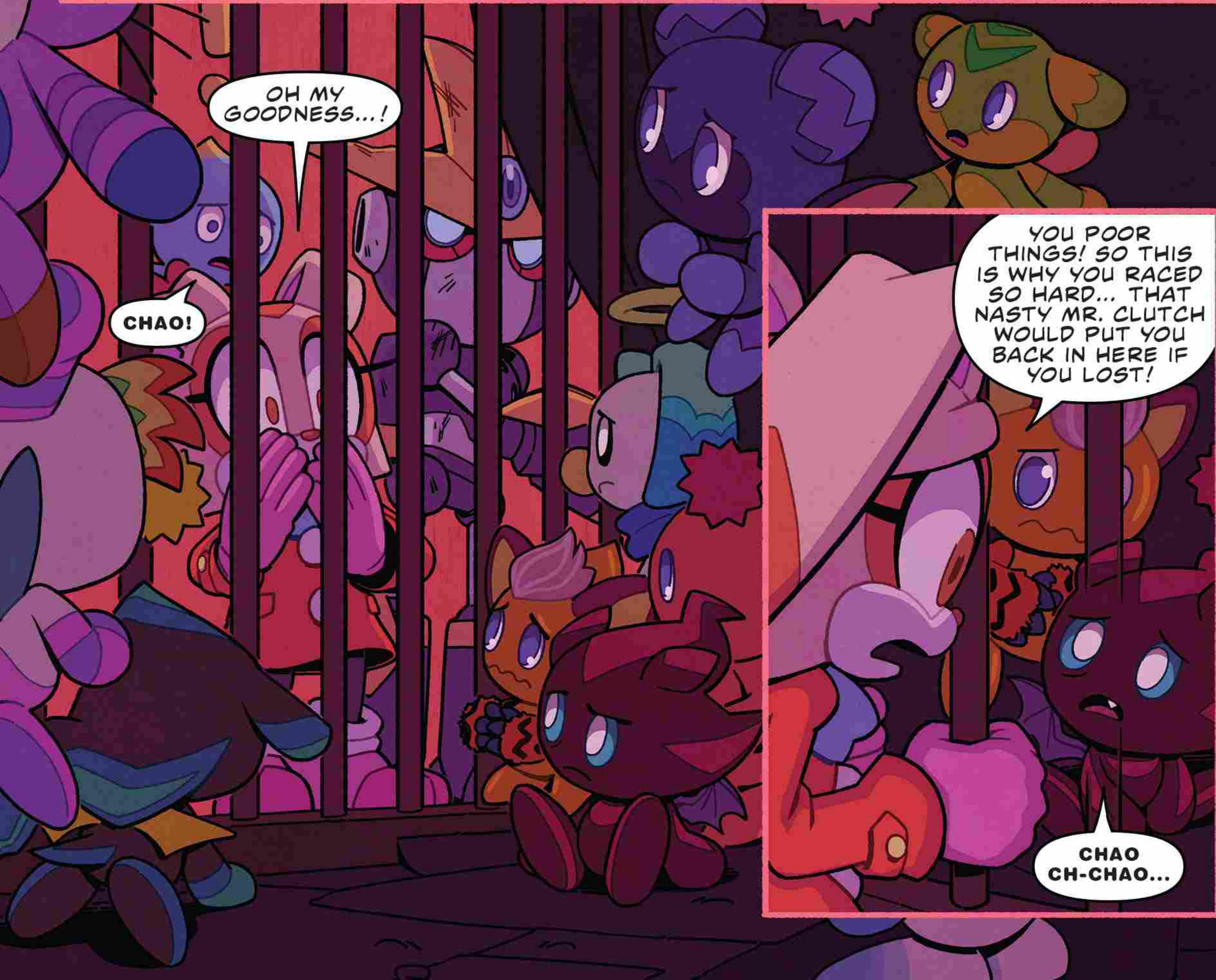
I DIDN'T DO IT FOR YOU.



CHECK UNDER THAT CLOTH-- YOU MAY WANT TO TAKE CARE OF WHAT'S BENEATH.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

TO FIND A REAL CHALLENGE.



OH MY GOODNESS...!

CHAO!

YOU POOR THINGS! SO THIS IS WHY YOU RACED SO HARD... THAT NASTY MR. CLUTCH WOULD PUT YOU BACK IN HERE IF YOU LOST!

CHAO CH-CHAO...



WE
HAVE TO
GET THEM
OUT.

AGREED,
BUT I DO NOT
THINK IT WILL
BE EASY.



HEY,
YOU'RE
LEAVING,
TOO?

OH?
UH--



--I'M GONNA
CALL TAILS. WE
COULD USE HIS HELP
PICKING OUT THE
RIGHT PARTS
FOR OMEGA.

OK! AND
ROUGE?
GOOD
PLAN.

YOU DON'T
EVEN KNOW WHAT
WAS SUPPOSED
TO HAPPEN!



BUT IT WORKED, AND THAT'S
WHAT MATTERS! I'LL KEEP
AN EYE ON THE SLEEPY
CREEP.

RIGHT.



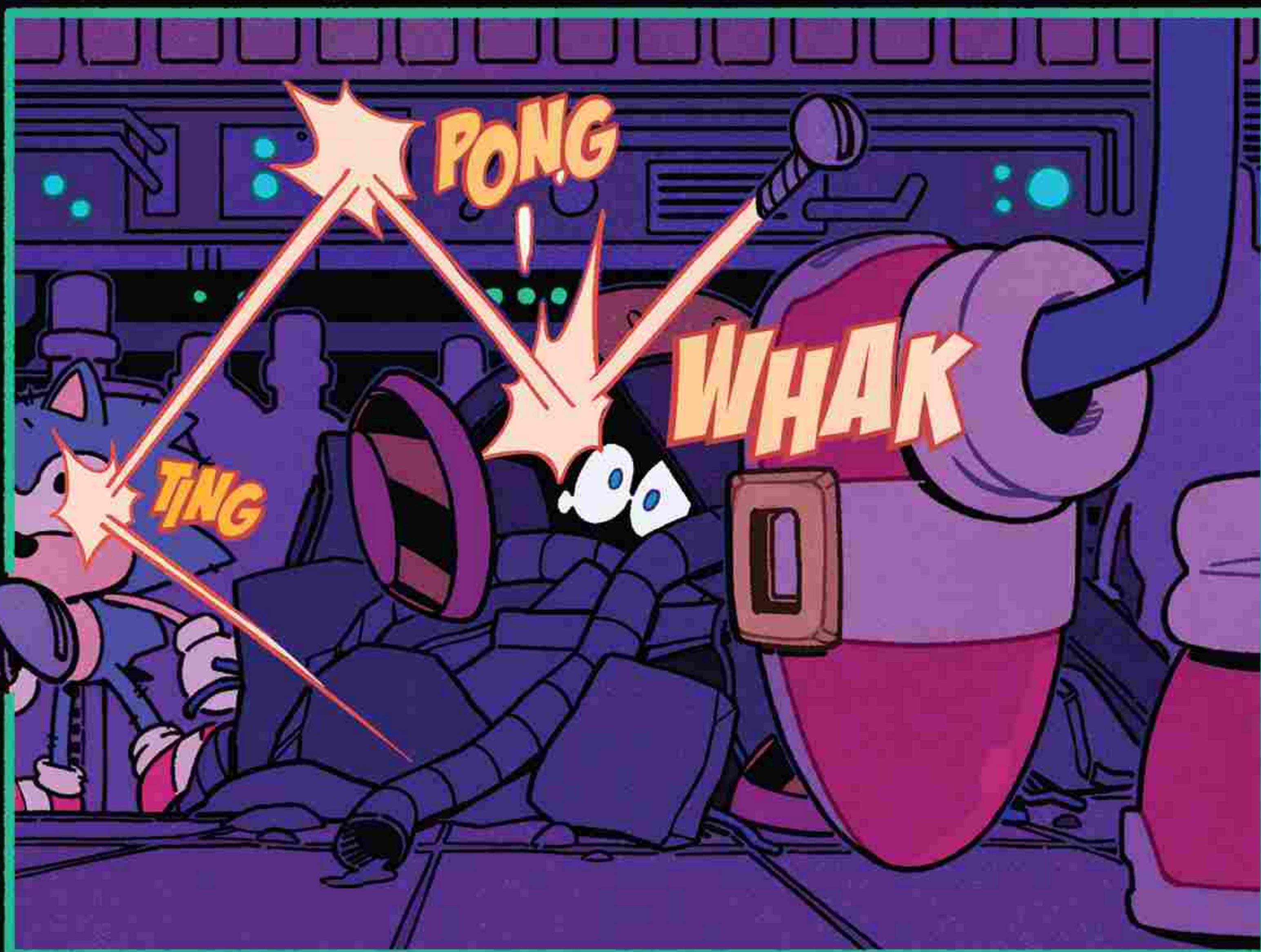
"WE'LL HAVE
THIS WRAPPED
UP IN NO TIME!"

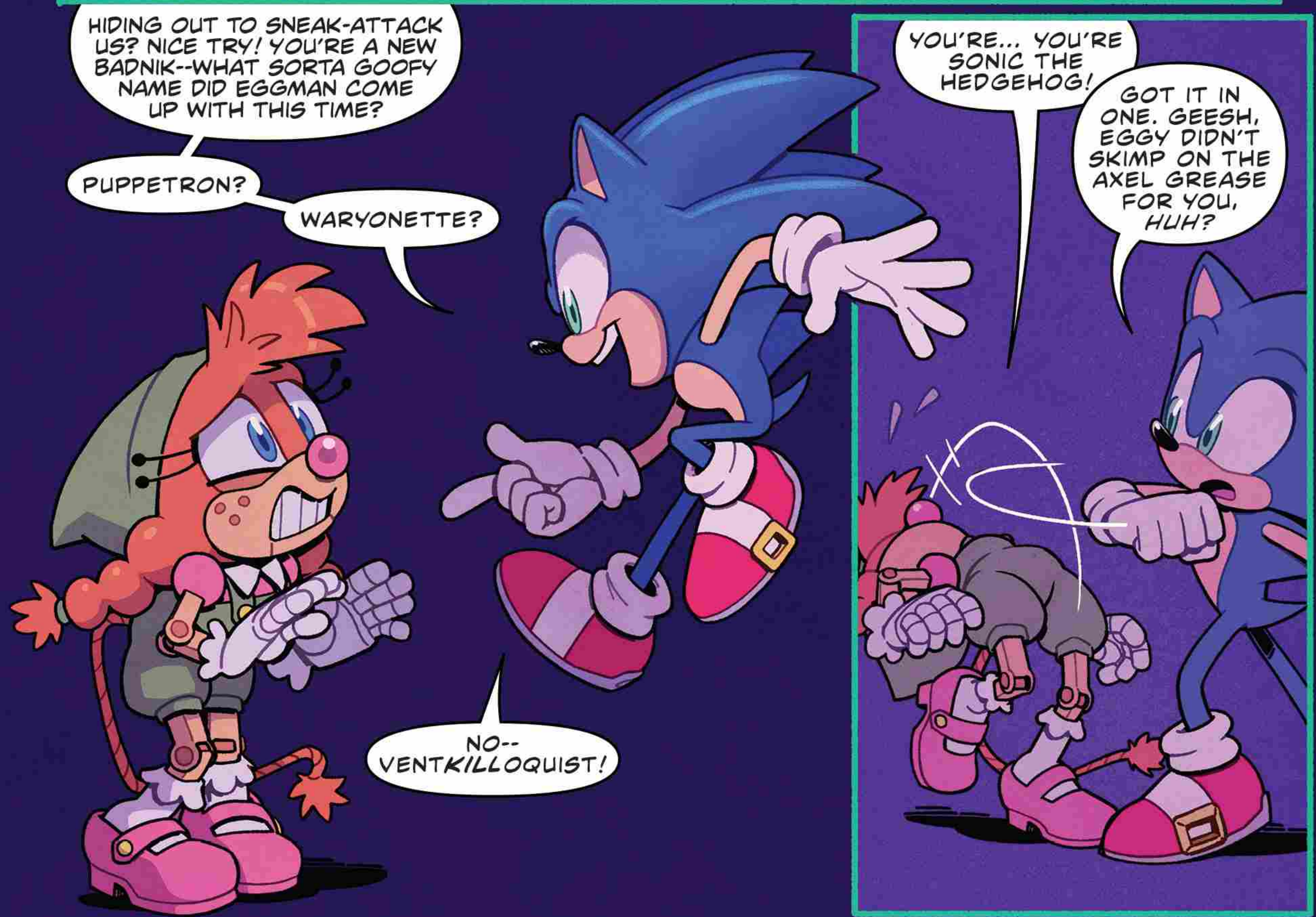
AT THE
ABANDONED
EGGBASE...

SO IT ALL
COMES DOWN TO
THIS. YOU AND ME,
MANO-A-MANO,
NO MERCY.

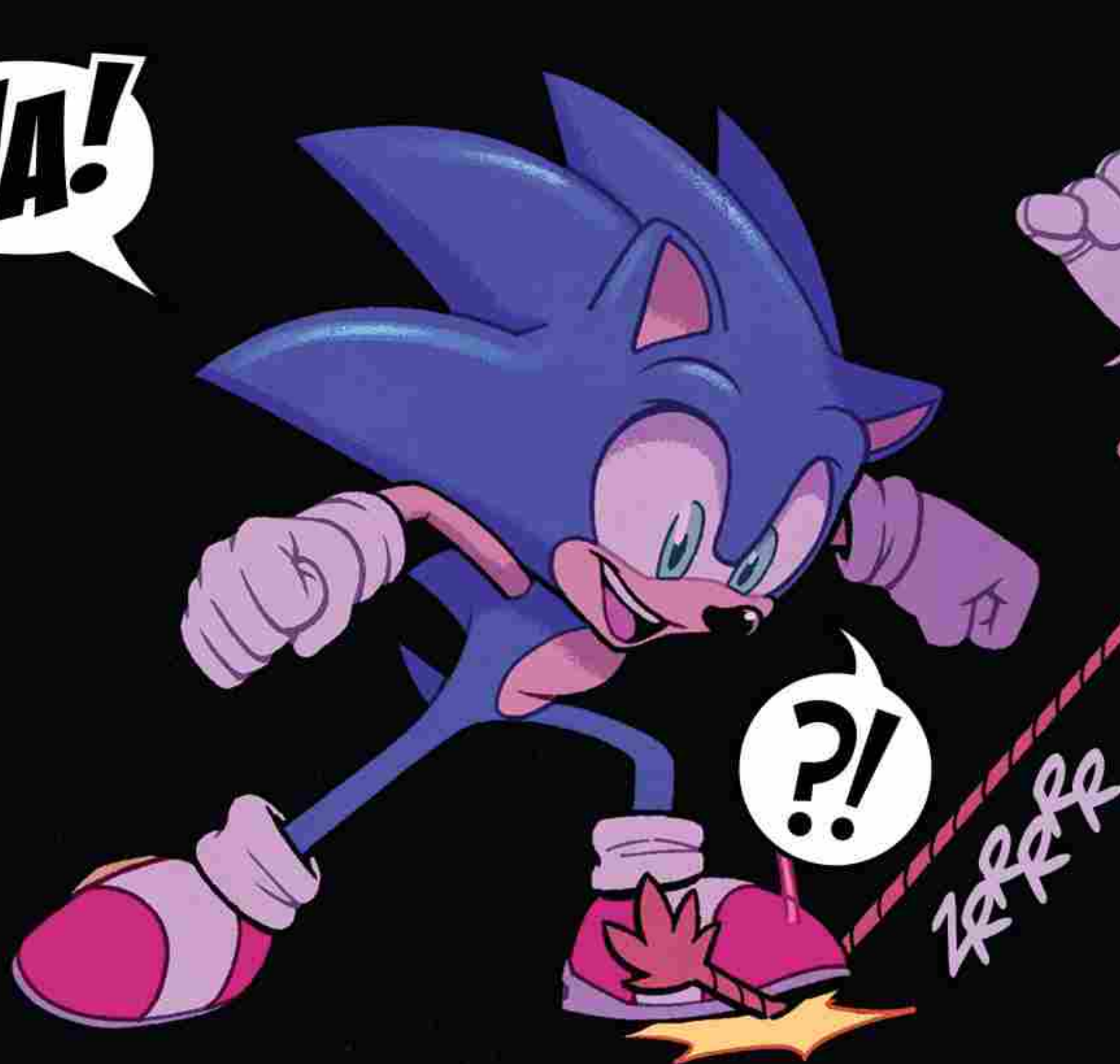
TWO
WILL ENTER,
ONE WILL
LEAVE.







HA!



AAH--
MY TAIL!
DON'T
PULL IT!



KIK-
DING



WHAM

HELLO...! NOW
IT'S GETTING
INTERESTING!



OH, NO! I AM SO SORRY, IT'S
A REFLEX, I CAN'T CONTROL IT,
HONEST! I'M NOT A BADNIK,
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW
TO FIGHT!



P-PLEASE
DON'T USE
YOUR BUZZSAW
HAIR ON ME.

SONIC.



YEAH,
YEAH, I
HEARD 'ER.
I'M DONE.

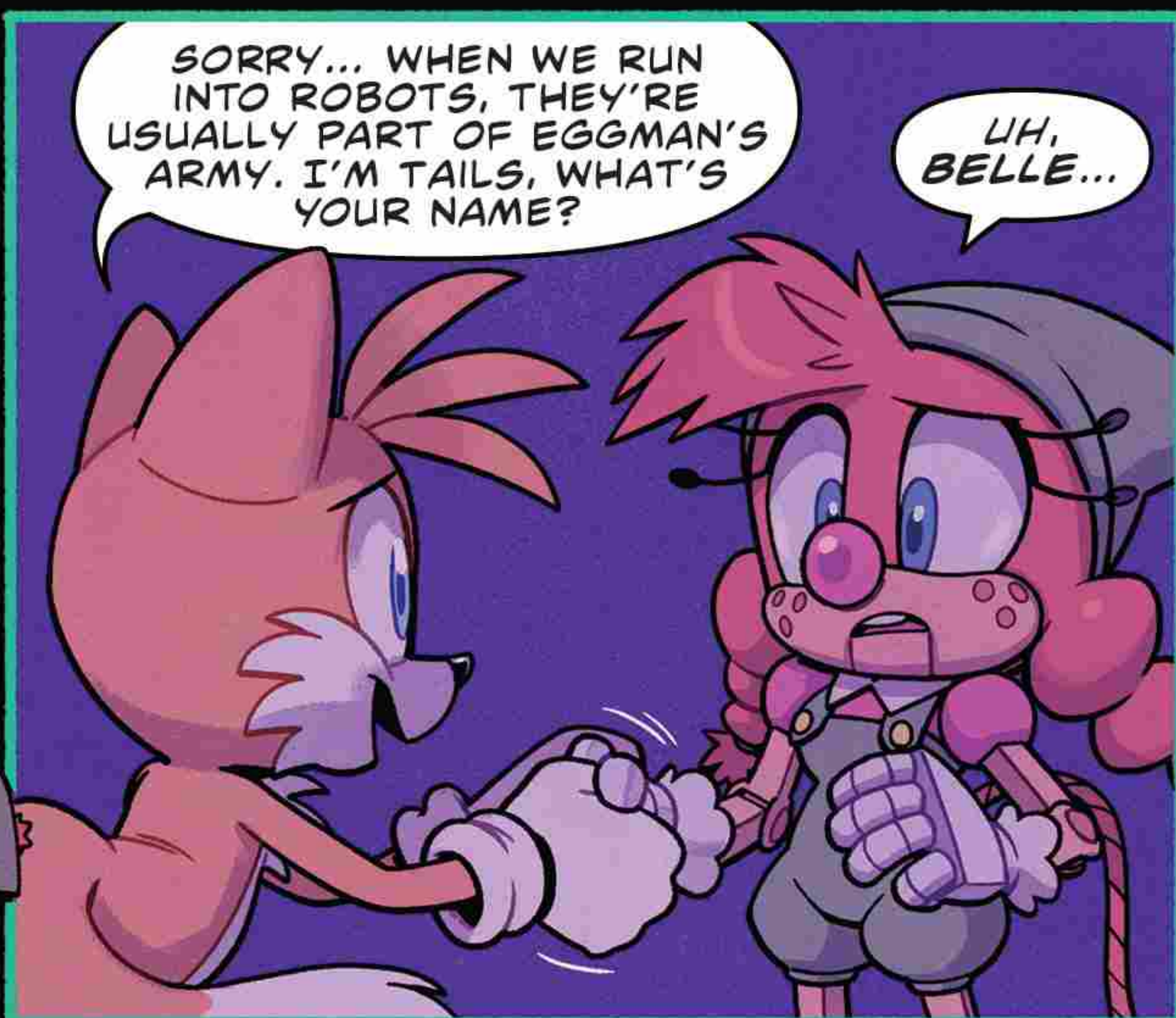




I GET A LITTLE SQUIRRELY WHEN I'M COOPED UP INSIDE.

D-DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT?

GOOD. OKAY THEN...



SORRY... WHEN WE RUN INTO ROBOTS, THEY'RE USUALLY PART OF EGGMAN'S ARMY. I'M TAILS, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

UH, BELLE...



WHOA! YOUR CONSTRUCTION IS REMARKABLE! I'VE NEVER SEEN A WOODEN ROBOT BEFORE!

IT'S HAND-CARVED OAK HARDWOOD...

WHO DID THE WORK?



THAT'S... PRIVATE.

LET ME GUESS: MUSTACHE, BALD, BIG ON THEME PARKS?

MY DA--CREATOR IS MISSING, AND I'M LOOKING FOR THEM. THEY'RE NOT DR. EGGMAN.



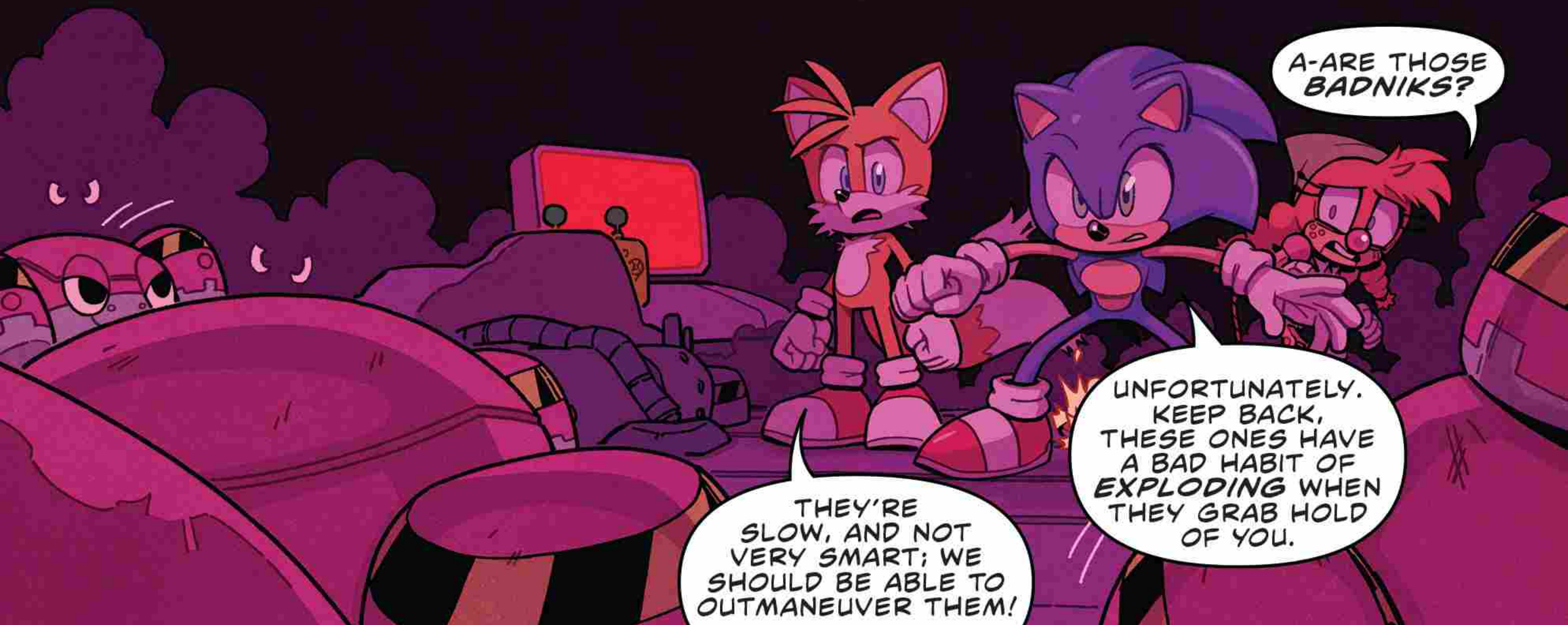
SEE? YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT EVERY ROBOT, SONIC.

PFF-- SURE.



AUTHORIZED ACCESS
EMPT DETECTED--
/ ACTIVATED, NICE TRY!







ARE YOU
OKAY?

I
THINK
SO...

I HOPE
YOU'RE READY
TO PUT THOSE
WEIRD SKILLS
OF YOURS TO
USE...

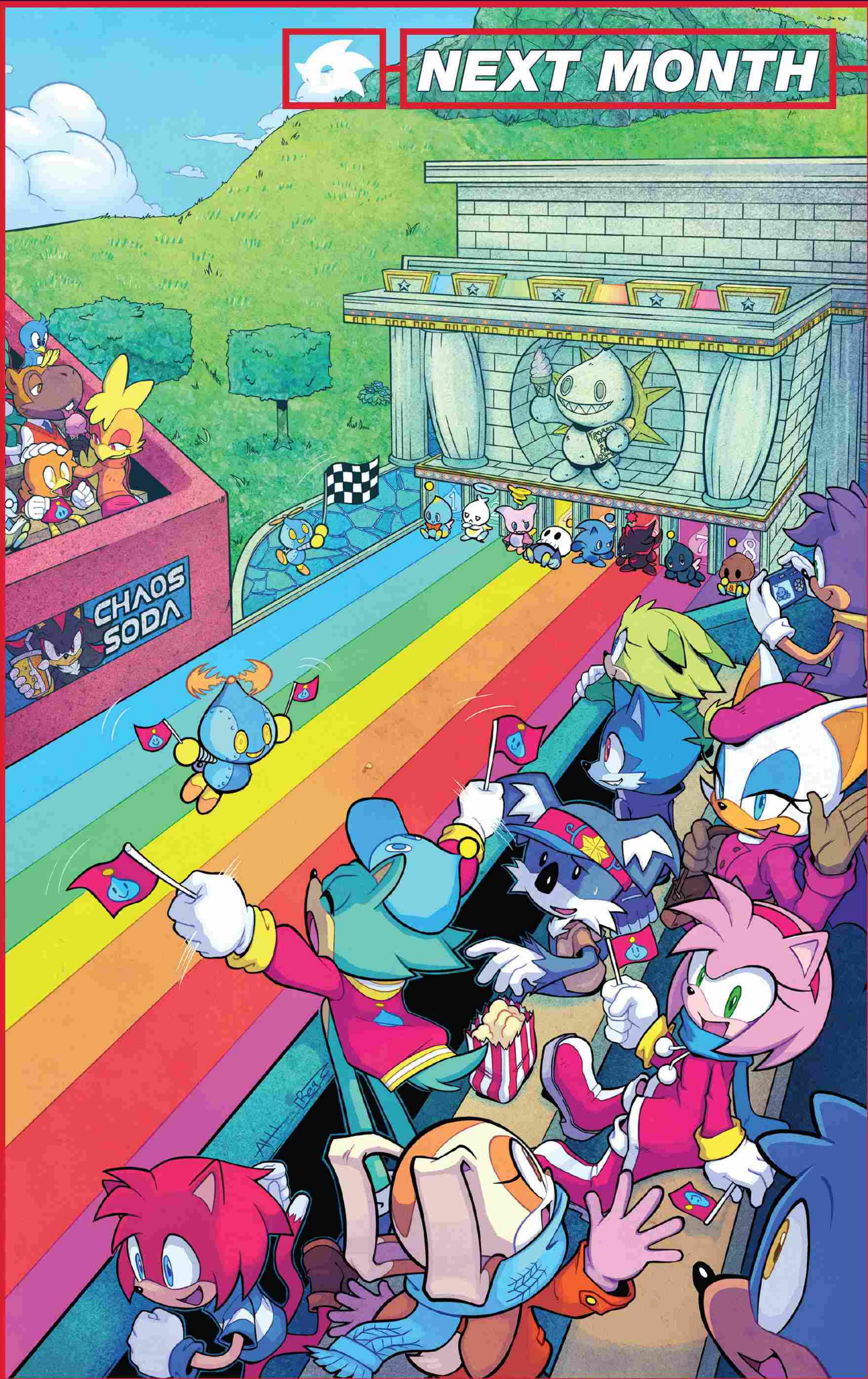
...BECAUSE
WE'RE GONNA
NEED ALL THE
HELP WE CAN
GET!



**NEXT TIME:
THE RACE IS ON!**



NEXT MONTH



SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD



What's up, Squad! Oh, sawdust, looks like Sonic, Tails, and Belle are in a real pickle! Thanks for joining Evan Stanley, Reggie Graham, and Shawn Lee for "Chao Races and Badnik Bases" part two. Now, on to the letters!

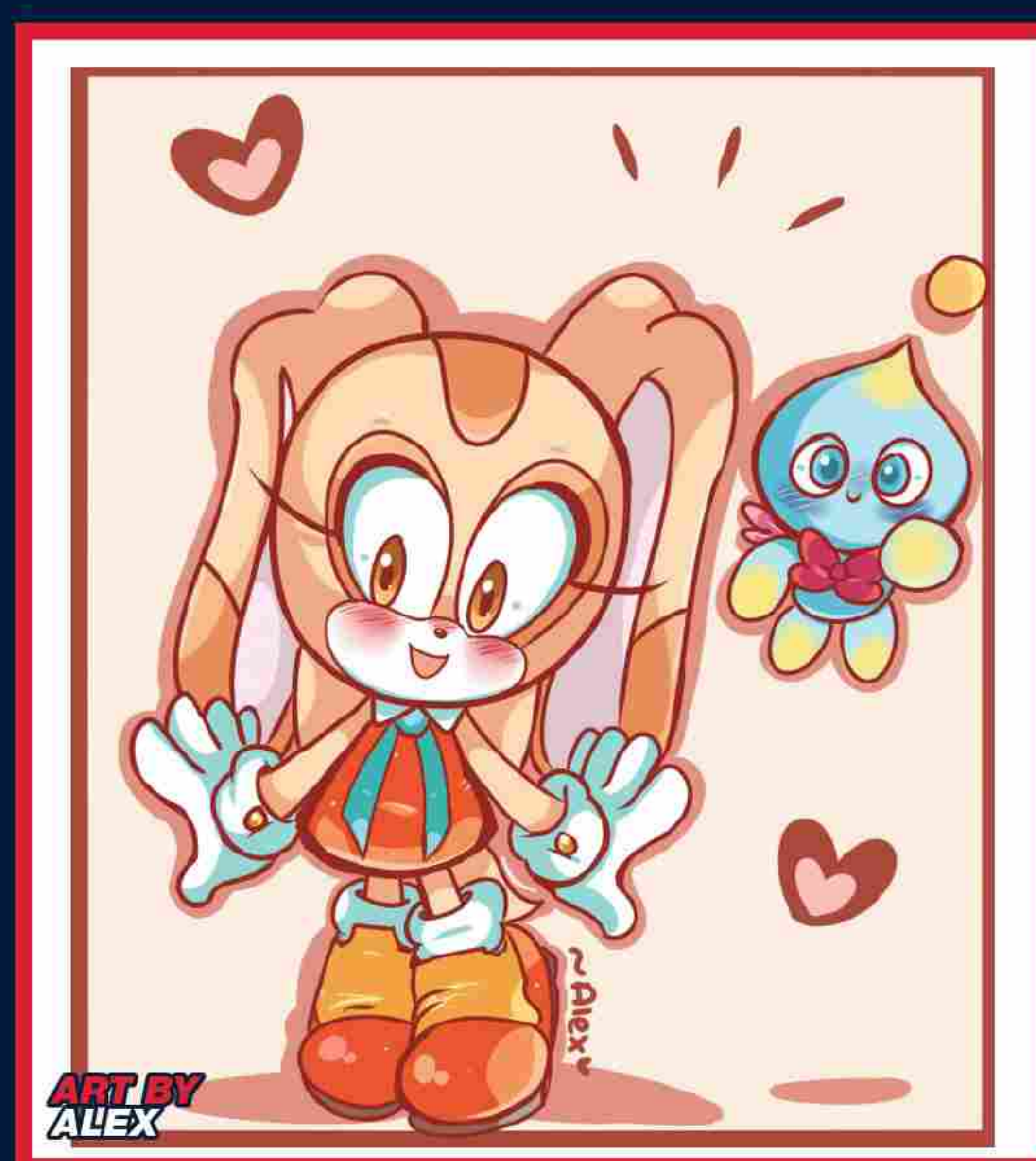
Hello IDW team,

My name is Charlize, and I'd really like to say that these comics are truly amazing. It's something that gets me excited to wake up in the morning and read! The picture includes my Sonic cosplay group, and we have even more people joining right now ! We're all excited to see more Sonic content. Thank you all for working so hard :)

Hello, Charlize,

Your cosplay group is way past cool! You all did a lovely job of making costumes and props and styling wigs to make ears and quills. Do you need a Blaze the Cat? I think I have a purple shirt around here

somewhere... Or maybe a Froggy!? If not, I hope to see some of you at a con someday to take some pictures! Thank you for reading the comic and enjoying it, I'm so glad they give you something to look forward to.



Dear IDW

I have been a huge Sonic fan ever since I was 4 years old. My first game in the series was *Sonic Rush* on the DS, and have ever since fell in love with the games and TV shows. I'm currently busy with my first year in university, mainly doing 3D Animation, as I would love to work for SEGA in the near future.

After I started reading the IDW comics, I was amazed by how good the storyline and character development was, and I got super emotional when we finally got to see Silver's good future. The team behind the comics have done an amazing job at capturing the essence of Sonic's world, and for that I can't thank you guys enough!

I'm super excited to see what the future of this series holds. In the meantime, I've drawn some Whisper art as I'm a big fan of the character. Keep up the great work!

Regards,
Brandon



Dear Brandon,

From four years old to a first year university student is a long time to be a Sonic fan! It's awesome that you've gotten to grow up with Sonic and that he's inspired you to learn 3D animation. Hopefully one day you'll be able to work with SEGA and create something even more iconic than Green Hill Zone!

Isn't Silver the best? I shed a tear when I saw his future had returned to normal. The creative team works hard to capture the look and feel of Sonic's world and it's always really rewarding when that hard work pays off in emotional moments like that.

Thank you for your excitement, your support, and your super fun Whisper art.

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Join us next time for more "Chao Races and Badnik Bases"!





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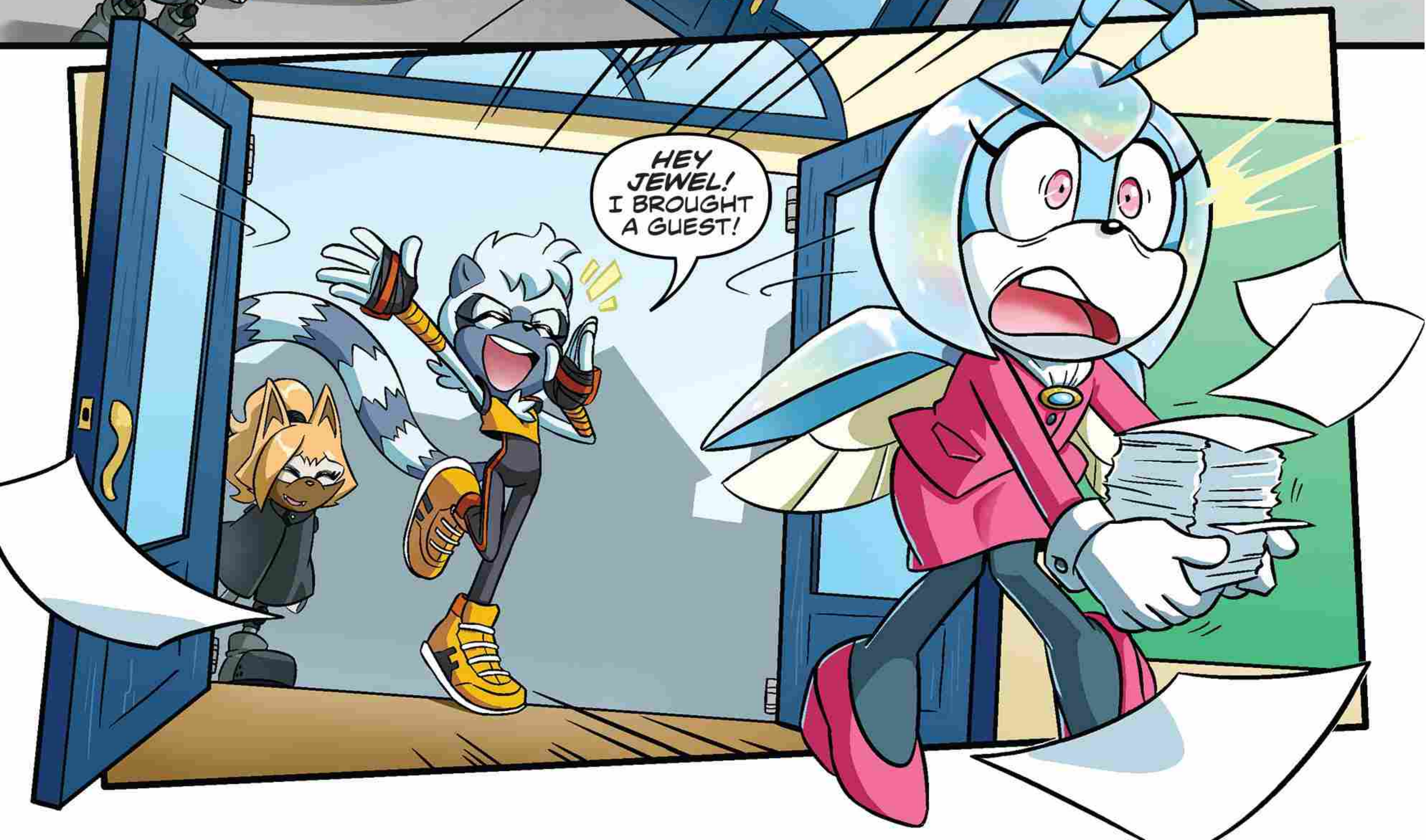
LEMME GIVE YOU A TOUR! THIS IS THE BAKERY! IT'S A MUST FOR EVERY BREAKFAST!



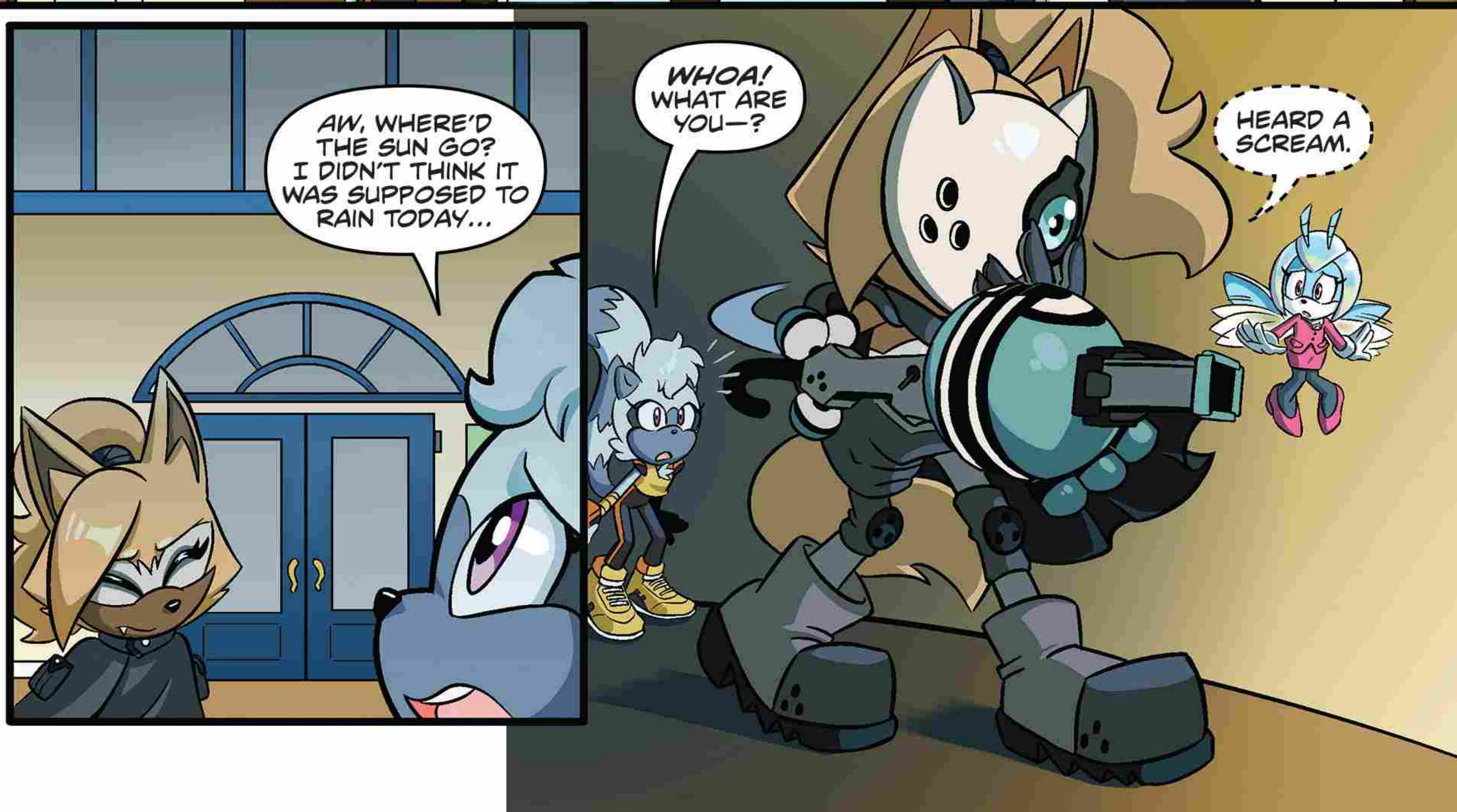
THE SALON! I BASICALLY KEEP THEM IN BUSINESS BUYING THEIR BRUSHES. I TEAR THROUGH THEM TRYING TO KEEP MY TAIL NEAT.



THERE'S A MILLION MORE STOPS, BUT I CAN'T WAIT TO SHOW YOU THE MINERAL MUSEUM RUN BY MY BESTEST FRIEND!



HEY JEWEL! I BROUGHT A GUEST!







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